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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

OBERHANS ET AL.

Examiner

Tung S Lau

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date See Office Action.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The IDS filed on 9-22-2003 has been accepted and signed by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Okubo et al. (U.S. Patent 5,416,426).

Regarding claim 1:

Okubo discloses a method for correcting scanning signals of an incremental position transducer having deviations from ideal signals expected by a downstream evaluation unit, comprising: feeding the scanning signals to a correction unit in response to a signal request (Col. 10, Lines 13-29); linking the scanning signals in the correction unit to correction data generated in accordance with active values of the scanning signals (fig. 8, unit 25, 18, 20); and exclusively feeding scanning signals for generating correction data to the correction unit for at least one predefined time segment following each request of new scanning signals to be corrected (Col. 10, Lines 13-43).

Regarding claim 11:

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Okubo discloses a device for correcting scanning signals of an incremental position transducer having deviations from ideal signals expected by a downstream evaluation unit, comprising: an arrangement configured to perform a method including the steps of: feeding the scanning signals to a correction unit in response to a signal request (Col. 10, Lines 13-29); linking the scanning signals in the correction unit to correction data generated in accordance with active values of the scanning signals (fig. 8, unit 25, 18, 20); and exclusively feeding scanning signals for generating data to the correction unit for at least one predefined time segment following each request of new scanning signals to be corrected (Col. 10, Lines 13-43).

Regarding claim 12:

Okubo discloses a device for correcting scanning signals of an incremental position transducer having deviations from ideal signals expected by a downstream evaluation unit, comprising: means for feeding the scanning signals to a correction unit in response to a signal request (Col. 10, Lines 13-29); means for linking the scanning signals in the correction unit to correction data generated in accordance with active values of the scanning signals (fig. 8, unit 25, 18, 20); and means for exclusively feeding scanning signals for generating data to the correction unit for at least one predefined time segment following each request of new scanning signals to be corrected (Col. 10, Lines 13-43).

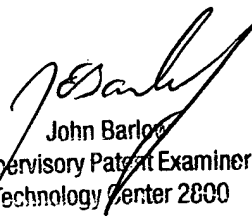
Regarding claim 2, Okubo further discloses checking the signal request by a logic device to determine whether the signal request applies to scanning signals that are to undergo a correction in the correction unit or to scanning signals for generating correction data (Col. 10, Lines 13-43); Regarding claim 3, Okubo further discloses no signal requests for a predetermined time segment that apply to scanning signals to be corrected in the correction unit (Col. 10, Lines 13-43); Regarding claim 4, Okubo further discloses the predefined time segment is shorter than a shortest difference in time between two signal requests of new scanning signals to be corrected (Col. 2, Lines 1-8); Regarding claim 5, Okubo further discloses the signal requests of scanning signals to be corrected occur in constant time intervals, the predefined time segment shorter than the constant time intervals (Col. 10, Lines 13-43);); Regarding claim 6, Okubo further discloses digitizing analog signals of the scanning signals before the step of feeding the scanning signals to the correction unit (fig. 6); Regarding claim 7, Okubo further discloses feeding the scanning signals to the correction unit includes feeding at least two scanning signals to be corrected to the correction unit in response to request of scanning signals to be corrected, the two scanning signals being out-of-phase with each other (Col. 2, Lines 1-17);); Regarding claim 8, Okubo further discloses triggering the signal request by at least one of a microprocessor of the correction unit and an external pulse. (fig. 8, unit 19, 17); Regarding claim 9, Okubo further discloses generating the correction data as a function of active values of the scanning signals in a microprocessor (Col. 10,

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Lines 13-41, Col. 9, Lines 43-65); Regarding claim 10, Okubo further discloses correcting the scanning signals in accordance with at least one predefined correction algorithm (Col. 7, Lines 12-66).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tung S Lau whose telephone number is 571-272-2274. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Barlow can be reached on 571-272-2269. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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